

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2797 - SB 2660

February 16, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all questions submitted on a ballot to the vote of the people to be preceded by a brief summary of the proposal, written in a clear and coherent manner using words with common everyday meanings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-208(f), all questions more than 300 words in length are required to be preceded by a brief summary. The proposed legislation would extend the requirement to questions with fewer than 300 words.
- Summaries are required to be no more than 200 words.
- All constitutional amendments are currently required to be preceded by a brief summary, written by the Attorney General and Reporter.
- Depending on the number of questions on a ballot, county commissions may see an increase in printing costs.
- However, since many questions and all constitutional amendments currently require summaries, the proposed legislation is unlikely to have a meaningful effect on current practices; therefore, the estimated fiscal impact is not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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